

7.2 Violent Crimes  
Homicide/Murder, Manslaughter, Assisted Suicide  
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Homicide:

- Non-culpable murder is: justifiable; lacking the mens rea of an offence. I.E.: done in self defense.
- Homicide that is culpable is a blamable or criminal homicide.
- Exception: that he causes the death of a human being by obtaining by false evidence, the conviction and death of that human being by sentence of the law (notwithstanding)

Assisted Suicide:

- Euthanasia is considered mercy killing, usually to relieve suffering.
- A nurse practitioner is not able to administer the substance to a person seeking medical assistance in dying. T/F
- You must give informed consent to receive assisted suicide. T/F
- To be eligible for assisted suicide, you must be:
  - Eligible for health services in Canada
  - 18 years old and capable of making decisions for your own health
  - Have a grievous and irremediable medical condition
  - Made a voluntary request for medical assistance in dying
  - Able to give informed consent to have assisted suicide after being informed of the ability to relieve their suffering
- A “grievous and irremediable medical condition” is defined as a serious and incurable illness, disease or disability that has the patient in an irreversible decline in capability
- Before the medical assistance in dying is given, the practitioner must ensure there are at least 10 clear days between the day the request was signed by or on behalf of the person and the day on the assisted suicide is provided T/F
- If the patient is unable to sign and date for themselves, another person cannot sign for them T/F
- Assisted suicide must be provided with reasonable knowledge, care and skill according to provincial laws, standards or rules
- The practitioner administering the medicine must tell the pharmacist what the substance will be used for

Murder:

- Murder is defined as: deliberate killing of another person.
- For murder to be first degree, it must:
  - Planned and deliberate
  - Be against a victim which was in law enforcement, i.e a police officer
  - Have occurred while another crime was being committed, such as a bank robbery
- Second degree murder is anything that doesn't fit the conditions for first degree murder. T/F
- The minimum sentence for first and second degree murder is life in prison.
- When you commit first degree murder you are eligible for parole right after your sentence. T/F
- A youth (12-17 years old) does not face a life sentence when convicted of murder
  - The maximum sentence for first degree murder is 10 years, with a maximum of 6 years being served in custody
  - Maximum sentence for second degree murder is 7 years, with a maximum of 4 years being served in custody

Manslaughter:

- Manslaughter is defined as murder that is not murder or infanticide
- Causing death of a person indirectly or directly by means of unlawful act